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Biennial Report of Research Network 18 - Sociology of Communications and Media Research 2017-2019

1. Name and Number of RN

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3. Activities:

Please describe all relevant activities of your RN in the past two-year term:

a. Did you organise a mid-term conference? If yes, please provide the title, venue, date, organisers, number of papers and participants and overall assessment of the event.

Title: Communication, Capitalism and Social Change: Policy, Practice, Praxis

Venue: The conference was hosted by the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Zagreb, Croatia. The Faculty is located at Ivana Lučića 3, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia.

Date: 6-8 September 2018

Organisers: The event was organised by the European Sociological Association (ESA) – Research Network 18: Sociology of Communications and Media Research in cooperation with the Croatian Sociological Association (HSD), the Institute for Development and International Relations (IRMO) and the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb (FFZG).

Number of papers: 43

Number of participants: 46

Overall assessment of the event:

The event was perceived as successful both from the local organizational partners and from within the RN18 network. It was the first mid-term conference supported by ESA in Zagreb.

b. Please report on your activities at the ESA Conference of this year: Number of sessions; how many presentations, how many distributed papers?

Number of sessions: 15

Number of presentations: 60

c. Did you establish a Newsletter of your RN? If so, how often is the Newsletter published; is it sent through the ESA RN website?

RN18 does not publish a newsletter, but runs a mailing list instead.

d. Does your RN have a website of its own, other than the space on the official ESA website?

RN18 does not have any other website than the space on the ESA website.

e. Publications related to RN sessions and/or midterm meetings?

RN18 has no publications in relation to sessions and/or midterm conferences.

f. Any action to be taken to improve participation of PhD students and early career researchers?

No further action required as the participation of PhD students and early career researchers is already very healthy and sustainable.

g. Any action to be taken to expand membership, especially from countries with overall weaker ESA membership? Also, are there members from outside Europe?

RN18 currently has 84 members from almost 30 different countries. Members from outside Europe are as follows:

1 Canada
1 India
3 Israel
2 Mexico
1 Russia
1 Turkey
1 Emirates
1 Vietnam

h. Any collaboration within ESA with other RNs? If so, please give details. Do you plan to improve collaboration across RNs?

RN18 hosted, together with RN6 - Critical Political Economy, a semi-plenary that featured talks by Phoebe Moore (University of Leicester) and Jamie Woodcock (University of Oxford) on the 'Boundaries, Barriers and Belonging in Digital Labour Capitalism' at the ESA Conference 2019 in Manchester.

i. Any action to be taken to improve opportunities for publication of papers presented at the RN meetings and sessions?

A consultation process is currently under way to look for opportunities to improve the publication strategy of paper presentations at RN18 conferences.

j. Any other important activities undertaken by your RN?

n/a

k. Any plans for further activities of your RN?

The next mid-term conference will take place in Turin, Italy, in September 2020.